

SHARE THE BENEFITS of soil and water conservation with your family and community now and for generations to come. It's only natural for landowners to want their lands to be as productive, beautiful and valuable as possible—not only for today, but for tomorrow as well. The ARCF can help make that goal possible. Helping Tennesseans employ effective conservation techniques through cost sharing is an investment in the future. All Tennesseans will share the benefits of clean water and stable, productive soils.

Without proper erosion and sedimentation control, soils can be lost from croplands and reduce future productivity. Soils carried from fields in runoff can also degrade streams and other receiving waters.

To find out more about BMPs or how you can share in the ARCF, contact the SCD office in your county or call the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Water Resources Program (615)-837-5225 or online at www.tennessee.gov/agriculture



Voluntary programs are working—and we can demonstrate measurable water quality improvements.

AFTER

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Tennessee's Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund



SHARE THE COST of installing agricultural best management practices (BMPs) on your land with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA).

The Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF) has been established so that landowners can get financial assistance as they work to

- Control erosion
- Manage animal waste
- Prevent or reduce pollution associated with fertilizers and pesticides
- Maintain or improve water quality

The Ag Resources Conservation Fund provides financial assistance for conservation work on farms.

Your county Soil Conservation District (SCD) office will need to apply to TDA for the grant funds. The application will include the SCD's proposed projects for you and others in that district.

Once a grant has been awarded, your SCD office will allot the funds. You will have the opportunity to sign up and have your individual application approved. The cost share rate is 75 percent (state) to 25 percent (landowner).

Information and education projects may also be funded through this program.

Grants are awarded on an annual basis. Most grants are awarded to SCDs, but may also be awarded to Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&Ds), local governments and other organizations chartered to promote soil conservation and related water quality improvement.

BEFORE



A partnership of agricultural and conservation interests are working together to protect our water quality and control soil erosion while keeping agriculture productive.

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SHARE THE SUCCESS of your local SCD office by getting involved and planning to install qualifying BMPs.

To control erosion and sediment from cropland, consider

- Winter cover
- Grassed waterways
- Riparian buffers
- Terraces
- Water and sediment control basins
- Grade stabilization structures
- Diversions



Cotton behind winter cover wheat

BMPs which control and manage animal waste include

- Structural systems (lagoons, holding ponds, dry stacks)
- Filter strips
- Heavy use areas
- Animal waste utilization and irrigation systems



Exclusion fencing

Examples of qualifying informational, educational or promotional projects include

- Brochures
- Field days
- Local water quality meetings
- Farm tours
- Workshops

Other practices for erosion control and water quality improvement listed in local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guides may also qualify for installation.



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